

35(amended). A method according to claim 33,

wherein an image of said first data is displayed on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and an image of said second data is displayed on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.

36(amended). A method according to claim 31, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a portable electronic device.

37(amended). A method of starting up an information processing apparatus comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;  
establishing data communication with a plurality of data stores for storing data;  
selecting data from data stored in said plurality of data stores according to said booting program, at least one of said data stores being removably connected to said information processing apparatus; and  
starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.--

#### REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002. 2002. Claims 21-40 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that the Amendment filed on June 19, 2002 was non-responsive because the presented claims were "not readable on the elected invention."

In this Amendment, claims 24 and 34 have been canceled, and claims 21, 23, 25-27, 31, 33 and 35-37 have been amended. Claims 21-23, 25-33 and 35-40 thus remain for consideration. Each of the remaining claims now recites a removable recording medium on which boot data is recorded. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claims now read on the elected invention, and request that prosecution of the application proceed in due course.

Applicant submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicant's undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claims 24 and 34 have been canceled.

Claims 21, 23, 25-27, 31, 33 and 35-37 have been amended as follows:

--21(amended). An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information processing apparatus; and

a data store for storing first data,

wherein said processor selectively uses said first data stored in said data store or second data stored in another data store according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus, said other data store being removably connected to said information processing apparatus.

23(amended). An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a recording medium [removably connected to said information processing apparatus].

25(amended). An information processing apparatus according to claim 23 [24],

wherein said processor displays an image of said first data on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and said processor displays an image of said second data on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.

26(amended). An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a portable electronic device [removably connected to said information processing apparatus].

27(amended). An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information apparatus; and

a communication unit for data communication with a plurality of data stores for storing data, at least one of said data stores being removably connected to said information processing apparatus,

wherein said processor selectively uses said data stored in said plurality of data stores according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus.

31(amended). A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;

selecting data from first data stored in a data store of said information processing apparatus and a second data stored in another data store according to said booting program, said other data store being removably connected to said information processing apparatus; and

starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.

33(amended). A method according to claim 31, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a recording medium [removably connected to said information processing apparatus].

35(amended). A method according to claim 33 [34],  
wherein an image of said first data is displayed on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and an image of said second data is displayed on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.

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starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.--